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Security extended

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Press Chief

To improve the effectiveness of the Security Augmentation Force at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the Military Police Department has moved to a new 60-day schedule at Kaneohe Bay, Manana Housing Area and Camp Smith.

The new schedule gives Marines a chance to hone their interior guard skills, while providing increased security at the gates of the installations.

Four platoons of Marines, representatives from all of MCB Hawaii's commands, currently fill the ranks of the SAF.

Previously, the Marines were attached to the SAF for only 30 days and worked 12-hour shifts, checking vehicles entering the installations.

With the longer schedule, the Marines have a chance to become more proficient in the responsibilities of the interior guard and apply the basic Marine skills they learned in recruit training.

"Every Marine learns how to do interior guard duties while in recruit training and Marine Combat Training," said Staff Sgt. Sean Flanary, watch commander for the Military Police Department. "It's something most Marines don't normally get a chance to do in the real world."

The SAF helps with security at the gates, allowing the Military Police Department to focus on law enforcement.

The MCB Hawaii Military Police Department is responsible for security at Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith, Manana Housing Area, Puuloa Range, and Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.



The SAF helps with the incoming traffic at all but Bellows and Puuloa.

"We have a great caliber of Marines working on the SAF, and everyone appreciates what they do," said Flanary.

"The majority of people cooperate fully with the

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Top - Lance Cpl. Jeffrey S. Davis, a warehouse clerk with Supply Co., Combat Service Support Group 3, checks the underbody of a vehicle at the entrance to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Sunday. Above and Right — The Security Augmentation Force and the Military Police manage the flow of traffic onto the base while ensuring only authorized people come aboard the installation.



K-Bay Tax Center opens, offers free filing for patrons

Capt. M.J. Russica
Tax Center, MCB Hawaii

Along with the beginning of another new year comes the beginning of another tax season.

The MCB Hawaii Tax Center is getting geared up to serve you by providing free electronic preparation and filing services.

The Tax Center will open on Jan. 28 and stay open through April to assist you with all of your filing needs.

Last year, the Tax Center filed more than 8,500 returns for Marines, Sailors, retirees and family members. More than 5,500 of these returns were electronically filed, free of charge.

Marines, Sailors, retirees and family members who visited the Tax Center during the 2000 tax season received more than \$4 million in refunds. The same individuals would have paid over \$500,000 to have their taxes filed through a commercial tax preparer. The cost at the MCB Hawaii Tax Center was nothing.

The Center is able to file Federal and most State returns electronically. Those filing may expect to get their returns back within 10 - 14 days.

Electronic filing reduces the rate of errors in tax preparation from 15 percent to less than 1 percent. This means that tax returns are getting done right the first time around.

If the Tax Center personnel are unable to file a given Federal or State return electronically, they

will prepare the return using the appropriate paper form(s) — again, all free of charge.

All active duty personnel, retirees and family members are eligible to take advantage of the Tax Center. Reserve personnel on active duty for more than 30 days, along with their family members, may also use these valuable services.

Walk-ins are welcome at the Tax Center during office hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Tax Center will also make individual and unit appointments.

All leaders of Marines are strongly encouraged — even challenged — to personally bring their Marines over to the Tax Center to have their taxes filed.

The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 455, right next to the Seven Day Store.

Tax Center patrons should bring all relevant information with them, including last year's returns, income statements (W-2, 1099, interest paid on bank accounts, etc.), credit information (child care, etc.), their bank account number and their bank's routing number, and also their military I.D. card.

All eligible patrons are encouraged to take advantage of these valuable services.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call 257-1686.



SM&SP still has some Pro Bowl tickets available

The Single Marine and Sailor Program has Pro-Bowl tickets available for single, active-duty Marines and Sailors.

The game is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9, and tickets are \$25. The ticket price includes transportation, to and from Aloha Stadium, and a tailgate party before the game.

Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details, and to reserve your tickets, call Dawn Williams, Single Marine and Sailor Program coordinator, at 254-7593.



'Blackhawk Down' opens aboard K-Bay

The military community is treated to a free preview before public release

Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

The parking lot was full 30 minutes before the show began, when the Base Theatre aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, opened its doors Friday night for the free, sneak preview of the movie, 'BlackHawk Down,' a film not yet released to the general public about a helicopter crash in Somalia in the early 1990s.

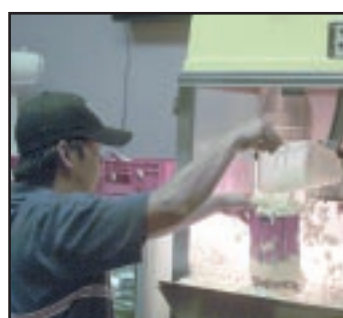
"The Navy Motion Picture Service authorized and made the arrangements to show this movie

before its release to the public," said Bill Lindsey, deputy assistant chief of staff for Marine Corps Community Services.

Many servicemembers and their families received free, advance tickets, prior to attending the preview. Theatre employees also gave free passes to patrons on standby.

As expected, the theater was packed and many anxious movie buffs waited in line to get popcorn and other refreshments before enjoying the movie.

"The theater holds about 825 people," said Lindsey, before the movie



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Above Left — A theatre worker fills a bag with popcorn. Above Right — Patrons filled the theatre to capacity, Friday night, for the preview of 'Blackhawk Down.'

began. "We're definitely going to get a full house."

"I thought it was great that the theater gave free tickets to anyone who wanted to come in and see the movie," said Lance

Cpl. Paul Ballister, from Headquarters and Service Co., 3rd Marines. "The movie was really good, and I'm glad I came out to watch it," he added. "I had a good time."

Complete your Hawaii Marine survey at <http://216.119.109.44/survey>

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

NEWSPAPER SURVEY SEEKS PERSPECTIVES, ENDS FEB. 1

The *Hawaii Marine* Newspaper Annual Readership Survey is now underway through Feb. 1. Our staff invites you to send us your comments and suggestions of what you'd like to see more of, less of, or eliminated from the *Hawaii Marine*.

We are collecting completed surveys at various locations about the base. We are also administering the survey online at <http://216.119.109.44/survey>

We invite you to help us serve the base more efficiently, by completing and returning the survey by Feb. 1. Results will be published after they are tabulated.

For more information or delivery of survey forms to your unit or home, call 257-8833.

KING CELEBRATION

Catch the "Honor Dr. King" PME (professional military education) seminar, today at 1 p.m., at the Kaneohe Bay Base Theater. The seminar will be followed by a free movie: "Remember the Titans," starring Denzel Washington.

If you're interested in being a Black History Month committee member, contact Master Sgt. Duane Keys at 257-7720.

LAWN CARE

All base residents are reminded to be especially diligent in maintaining their lawns during the rainy season. Review your Housing Maintenance materials for detailed guidelines, or check with Family Housing.

NAF PROPERTY SALE

Renovated cabins and other exciting changes to Bellows Air Force Station have created a storage shortage. Therefore, Saturday, Jan. 26, Bellows AFS will host a NAF Property Sale, with special deals on many items such as nightstands, mattresses, box springs, lamps, dressers, dining tables, chairs, refrigerators, stoves and more.

Active duty I.D. card holders may shop, exclusively, from 8 - 9 a.m., and all other authorized I.D. card holders may shop from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All items must be paid for by cash or check and removed from Bellows by 3 p.m.

Signs will designate the sale location. Call Fred Millen at 259-4111, for more details.

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1/3 forges a close bond with Japanese soldiers

Cpl. Scott Carlson
1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment

CAMP MOKOMANAI, Japan — While most Americans were sitting down to a turkey dinner or watching football during the Thanksgiving holiday, approximately 650 Marines and Sailors from 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment were par-

ticipating in a field training exercise with soldiers from the 10th Infantry Regiment, 11th Division, Japanese Ground Self Defense Force on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan.

The four-day field training exercise was the final training evolution for the Marines and soldiers participating in Forest Light 2001.



Cpl. Scott Carlson

Above — A Marine from Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, looks across the barren landscape as he awaits incoming Japanese UH-1N Huey helicopters, practicing helicopter-borne insertions at Forest Light 2001. **Below** — Corporal Kurt Dahlheimer, mortarman, Bravo Co., 1/3, sights in on his 60 mm mortar.



The exercise is designed to increase the readiness and interoperability of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force and U.S. Marine forces through field training in a bilateral environment.

During the cold-weather FTX, the Marines and soldiers practiced patrolling, completed evasive night movements and performed their jobs in freezing temperatures far away from the warmth of Okinawa.

The Marines of Bravo Co. were able to end their part of the field training exercise with a helicopter-borne assault in Japanese UH-1 Hueys.

The JGSDF pilots flew the company into the landing zones in six waves.

On the ground, afterwards, the Marines moved quickly into the woods of the northern training area to secure the final objective.

"When my unit linked up with the Marines' heliborne assault, we were able to accomplish the mission

through flexibility," said Col. Toshihiro Miyashito, regimental commander, 10th Regiment.

The Marines were taught a few Japanese words, so they could understand what the crew chiefs were telling them when they approached their landing zones.

"The skills learned throughout this training will help to make the 10th Regiment and 1st Bn., 3rd Marines, better units," said Lt. Col. Joseph L. Osterman, battalion commander, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines.

"The Marines learned a great deal from their counterparts and will use these techniques in the future," added Osterman.

The benefits of the exercise will be evident in the future — on both small and large scales — according to Miyashito.

"We accomplished the expected goals through close cooperation and the common value that we will defend each country's justice and freedom," Miyashito said.

"The lessons learned will greatly improve future training," Miyashito added.

The training exercise concluded with a formal ceremony, Nov. 25, on the Camp Mokomanai parade deck, followed by an informal party with Japanese and American foods.

The Marines and Japanese soldiers also sang songs to cap off the night and their training.

"The bonds that were built will last a lifetime," Osterman said.

Osterman and his Marines and Sailors will be returning to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in the weeks ahead.

First Bn., 3rd Marines has been participating in the Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa.

Aloha Center provides off-base referrals

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini
Combat Correspondent

MARINE FORCES PACIFIC, CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Are you and your family new to the island? Are you thinking of deserting the barracks and moving into a studio in sunny Waikiki?

Before you jump the gun and sign your name to a long-term lease, contact Community Housing Relocation and Referral Services.

Community Housing Relocation and Referral Services, currently located at the Navy Aloha Center in Honolulu, helps servicemembers with off-base housing.

Some of the services that CHRRS provide are incoming and outgoing inspections of rental apartments and hotels, referrals to approved Temporary Lodging Allowances hotels, relocation briefs, and transportation to potential apartments for those who are searching for off-base housing.

This is the only CHRRS center nationwide to offer transportation from their center to potential rentals, said Lorenzo Lucero, CHRRS counselor.

Upon Arrival

There are several steps you should take before making any decisions on

off-base housing.

If you've just arrived on island, you have 72 hours to report your military housing office, and your TLA must be authorized by your command.

Once your TLA is authorized, your next step is to visit CHRRS and get an approved landlord/tenant quote.

The average price for a one bedroom, one bathroom apartment in Hawaii ranges from \$600 to \$800, said Lucero.

About 30 percent of apartments include full utilities.

Although this may seem affordable to the average servicemember, if you are a sergeant or below who is looking to move off base, you may want to consider your options.

Normally, only sergeants and below who are married (or who have dependents on the island), officers and staff noncommissioned officers, or some single noncommissioned officers (on a case-by-case basis) are eligible to receive basic allowance for housing.

Lease Review

Another service that CHRRS provides is reviewing leases before they are signed.

There are two clauses that you should look for in a lease before signing, said Lucero.

The first is the "military clause,"

which is located in Section "K" on any official lease form.

According to the military clause, a tenant, with a written notice submitted at least 28 days in advance, may break the lease as long as they have orders away from the island for a period of six months or more.

The other is the "government housing clause."

Unlike the military clause, the government housing clause must be agreed upon by the landlord and tenant and must be stated on the lease before the tenant signs his or her name to it.

Under the government housing clause, if a servicemember is living off base and is notified that base housing has become available, the tenant may break the lease with a written notice submitted 28 days in advance.

Transition Support

Lucero noted that the purpose of CHRRS is to make your transition, to and from off-base housing, safe and easy. The last thing anyone wants is to be obligated to a lease that he or she will regret in the long run.

For more information on how you can receive help and advice on off-base housing, contact Community Housing Relocation and Referral Services at (808)-474-1972.

Setting the record straight — U.S. Representative Amo Houghton (Republican - New York), who is a former Marine, was incorrectly identified as a U.S. Senator on page A-1 of the Jan. 11 edition of the *Hawaii Marine*.



Less than 10-pounds of explosives completely destroyed all of the hazardous material Marines and airmen found during training at the Ulupa'u Crater aboard Kaneohe Bay, Jan. 11.

Marine and Air Force EOD techs team to share explosive knowledge

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Richard W.
Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

Four Air Force explosive ordnance technicians from Hickam Air Force Base trained last week with their Marine Corps counterparts aboard MCB Hawaii.

The EOD airmen and Marines spent much of the week sweeping the impact area of the Range Training Facility, searching for unexploded or partially-exploded ordnance left over from routine training in the impact area.

The Marines walked the airmen through the proper procedures in identifying dangerous items in an environment saturated with bits and pieces of potentially lethal ordnance fragments.

"This week I learned about the identification and disposal of various types of ordnance," said

Airman 1st Class Robert G. Butler, an explosive ordnance technician for the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Butler believed that the fragment laden impact area provided a challenging environment for the airmen to practice skills they don't get a chance to use often.

"We don't get much exposure to this type of training," said Butler. "Our only opportunity to perform this stuff in our shop is overseas."

One of the advantages EOD technicians from both services have is the ability to train with a sister service to gain working knowledge of different types of explosive disposal.

"Our MOS [military occupational specialty] is so small, throughout the entire military, that it's good to learn the different techniques specific to the other services," said Butler.



Services will often have certain training and disposal techniques unique to their specific mission, according to Staff Sgt. David A. Alexander, an explosive ordnance technician at K-Bay.

After locating and carefully removing ordnance identified as possibly dangerous, the Marines instructed the airmen on proper disposal techniques.

The two teams worked together to search the im-

pact area and found enough material to create two separate piles of various unexploded ordnance — mostly 40-millimeter high explosive grenade

rounds and several mortar rounds.

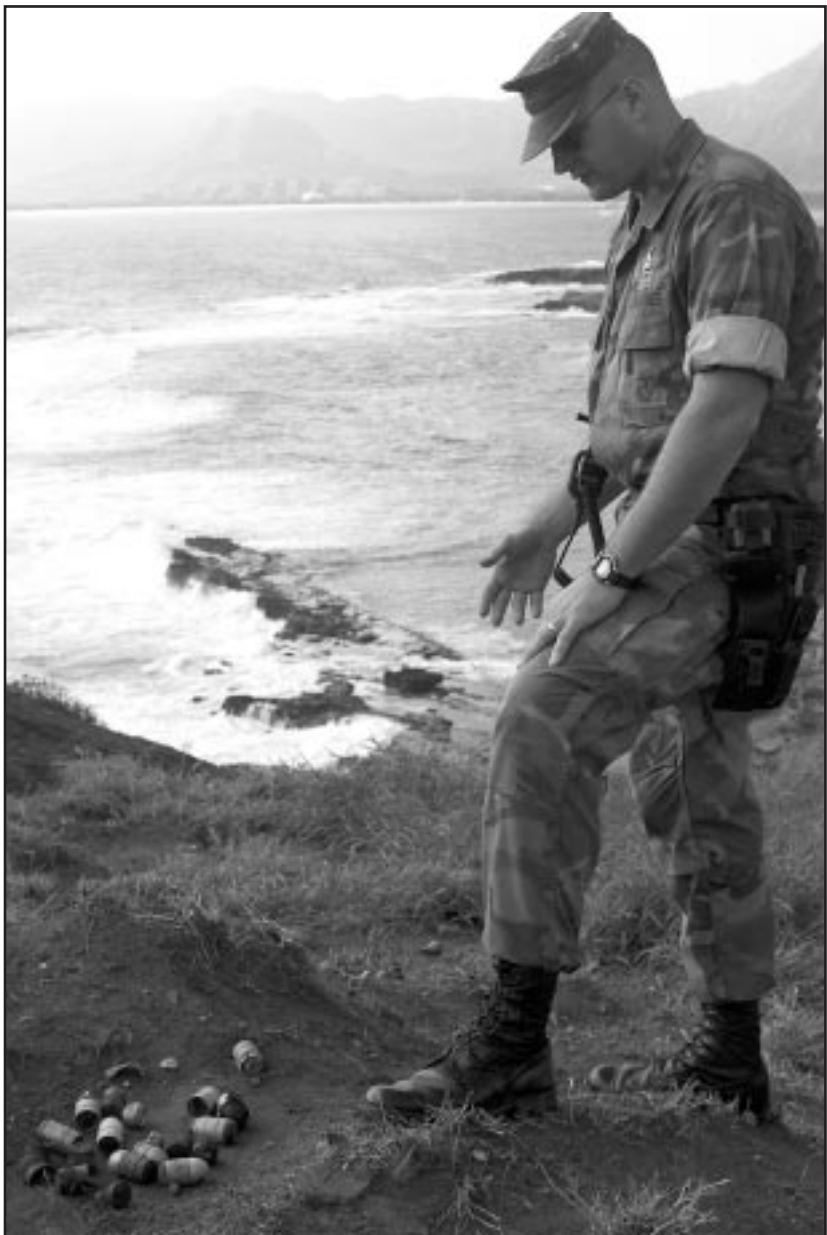
Using almost 10 pounds of C-4 explosive, the joint unit shaped the explosions to completely destroy the ordnance, without creating potentially new hazards.

The technicians set two 11-minute fuses, then moved to a safe distance to watch the explosions. The two blasts occurred only seconds apart, successfully destroying all of the material they were meant to destroy.

Although their MOS often involves blowing things up with high explosives, the Marines and airmen used last week's training to develop a training environment that educates, rather than destroys.



Left — Airman 1st Class Robert G. Butler, an explosive ordnance technician for the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, inspects a piece of ordnance before stacking it on a pile for destruction. Above — Staff Sgt. David A. Alexander inspects a small crater left by the blast EOD technicians set off. when they destroyed piles of unexploded ordnance. Below — Chief Warrant Officer Walter D. Romine shows the fragmentation sleeve of a partially-exploded 40-millimeter high explosive grenade round, found on the ground of the impact area, which clearly shows the remnants of explosive left inside the sleeve.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Walter D. Romine, an explosive ordnance disposal officer at K-Bay, surveys the contents of a pile of ordnance set for demolition at the Range Training Facility, Jan. 11.

WORD ON THE STREET

What motivates you about being a Marine?

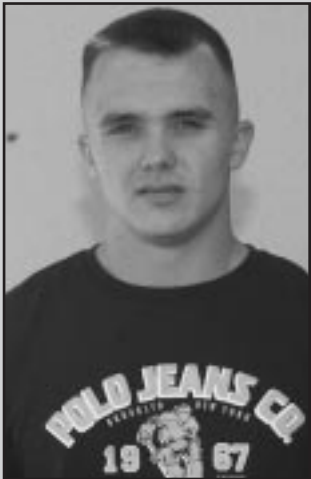


"...The education I receive from my staff noncommissioned officers, and working in a team environment."

Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Haugh
Diesel mechanic
4th Force Reconnaissance Co.

"...Belonging to an organization that fights for, and protects, America's freedom."

Cpl. Jeremy K. Kimbrell
Administrative clerk
Headquarters Co., 3rd Marine Regiment

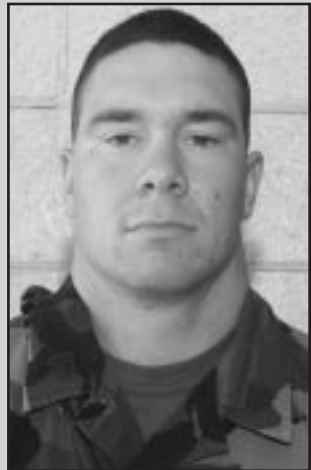


"...Being able to serve my country in paradise. It's a hard life, but somebody has to do it."

1st Lt. Jason A. Stear
Supply officer
CSSG-3

"I want to defend my country and be able to fight my country's battles to preserve our freedoms."

Sgt. Matthew G. Baughman
Military policeman
Provost Marshals Office



"...The comaraderie, knowing that when the time comes there will always be someone there to back me up and support me. This is my second family."

Cpl. Edwin Garcia II
Diesel mechanic
4th Force Reconnaissance Co.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

A total of 52 traffic citations were issued.

The Blotter

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a parked vehicle.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) damaged his vehicle by scratching the paint in numerous places.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) driving an unknown vehicle had been involved in a traffic accident and left the scene without reporting to the Military Police Department.

-Two civilians were apprehended by MPD for trespassing after military police observed them walk from Kailua to Zombies

Beach.

-Two civilians were apprehended by MPD for trespassing, after MPs observed them surfing at North Beach.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from another Marine’s vehicle, which was parked.

-A pair of civilians were apprehended for trespassing after MPs conducted I.D. card checks at North Beach. The suspects could not provide any identification.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from another Marine’s vehicle.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) stole various personal items from his vehicle, which had been left unsecured and

unattended.

-A Marine was apprehended by MPD for driving under the influence and for underage consumption, after attempting to gain access to the installation through the main gate.

-A Marine was apprehended for a DUI after attempting to gain access to the installation via the main gate.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while driving and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a yield sign.

Lost and Found

If you’re missing valuables, or other items, contact Lost and Found to see if anyone has turned in the item(s) at the Military Police Desk.

Lost items on hand include bicycles, wallets, keys, cell phones and

miscellaneous jewelry.

Call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325, for prompt assistance.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to get involved in their communities by taking charge of local neighborhoods.

If you’re interested in getting involved, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 315.

Crime Prevention

Do you have questions about how you can take a stance against crime in your neighborhood?

If so, contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at Crime Prevention, 257-2103, ext. 315, for tips on how to not become a victim of crime.

SECURITY, From A-1

Marines at the gate,” added Flanary.

Although increased security means a longer wait to get onto Marine Corps installations, most understand that the added protection is worth the extra minutes at the gate.

The SAF has evolved into an efficient unit that can quickly adapt to fluctuations in gate traffic, to keep the wait to a minimum without compromising the security of the installations they protect.

Although the Marines working on the SAF “catch a lot of flak” from impatient motorists at the gates, they are vigilant and focused on the safety of the installations and the people they protect.

“The SAF Marines are getting excellent training in the Marine Corps interior guard, and they are well appreciated,” Flanary added. “They have a difficult job to do, and they do it very well.”



EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Singapore challenges 13th MEU with dense jungle terrain

Sgt. Nathan J. Ferbert
13th MEU Public Affairs

SINGAPORE — At the edge of the jungle here, Marines press their fingers into camouflage paint compacts and smear the colors of the vegetation before them onto their skin.

They try to blend their bodies and gear with the “beast” that surrounds them, as the sights and sounds of the jungle seem to call out to them a dare — “Come and get me!”

With soft steps, wide eyes and open ears and minds, Leathernecks of Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), braved the beastly jungle of Marsling, — rife with insects, animals, nearly impenetrable brush in some spots, and enough heat and humidity to zap someone’s energy quicker than they can say, “dehydrated.”

Most of Charlie Co.’s 166 Marines were indoctrinated into the world of jungle patrolling – reconnaissance-style — like their brethren were more than 30 years ago in the swamps and jungles of Vietnam.

This was the first time the 13th MEU (SOC) trained in Marsling’s jungle, which presented unique challenges and unfamiliar terrain.

These Marines are used to the barren desert of Twentynine Palms, Calif., and the short thicket of chaparral of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“They now appreciate the difficulties of moving in a single-canopy jungle and realize the importance of maintaining contact and control of a patrol in such an



A 13th MEU (SOC) Marine — Cpl. Bruce G. Lincoln with 1st Platoon, Charlie Co., BLT 1/4 — patrols through the jungle of Marsling, Singapore, Jan. 2.

environment,” said 1st Sgt. Michael Dechy, Charlie Co. first sergeant.

“Squad leaders benefited most, because they learned that controlling 13 people in the jungle takes a lot of rehearsals and patience,” continued Dechy.

Fending off insects while eating meals ready-to-eat, Marines constantly sipped water to replace what soaked their uni-

forms, equipment and faces.

Before they got their patrol order, 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon rehearsed physically and, perhaps most important, mentally.

Immediate action drills, rehearsing hand and arm signals, land navigation with a compass and simply familiarizing themselves with jungle terrain paid off immeasurably.

They received the order for a reconnaissance patrol of about five clicks (three miles), with two checkpoints along the route. Their only limiting factor was time. If 3rd Squad could reach, report on and return from both objectives in two hours, without making contact with the “enemy,” the patrol would be a success.

Like a slow motion movie, 3rd Squad Marines dispersed

three to five meters apart, received nonverbal commands from the patrol leader and scoured the terrain with their eyes and weapons ready.

Trying to make each step quieter than the last, they applied utmost caution and alertness when crossing danger areas, like a road or open field.

Once the squad members got “eyes on” the objectives and reported what was there, they retraced delicate steps back to the beginning. Post-patrol debriefs revealed what small mistakes they made and needed to improve upon. The experience they gained was invaluable, as it worked on the cornerstone of all infantry units — patrolling.

Singapore was the last opportunity for grunts to train ashore before the 13th MEU (SOC) cruises into its area of responsibility during its deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf regions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.